# TALES FROM THE TOMB

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## THE DEMON

SATAN'S MAN FROM HELL

A NIGHTMARE IN BLOOD

## THE SKIN-RIPPERS

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## HEADS OF HORROR

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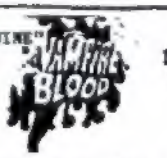

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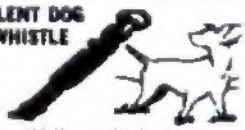

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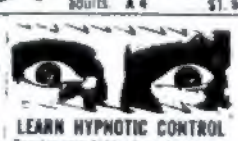

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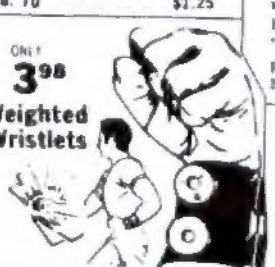

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**HARK! HEAR IT?** THE FIDDLE IS PLAYING, FILLING THE NIGHT AIR WITH THE SOUND OF MENACE AND MUSIC! FROM SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE VERD! IT COMES, GAY AND EVIL, THE SOUND BECKONING US ALL TO TRAVEL THE ROAD TO DEATH AND DESTRUCTION! TIMELESS, TIRELESS, THE MUSIC SWELLS AND FILLS OUR SOULS WITH TEMPTATION AND PASSION, FOR WE ARE LISTENING, EVEN NOW TO

# THE DEMON!

AT FIRST THE STRAINS ARE SOFT AND INVITING!
DANCE, FOOLS! ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN! IT WON'T LAST LONG!
FASTER, FIDDLER, FASTER! WE MUST HAVE GAY MUSIC!
SUDDENLY THE TEMPO OF THE MUSIC CHANGES! SOMETHING EVIL CREEPS INTO IT! AND WITH IT COMES A CHANGE IN THE DANCERS...
OH, STOP! YOU'RE HURTING ME!
I SAW YOU, YOU WENCH! MAKING EYES AT THAT FOOL!
HEH-HEH-HEH!
HAH-LOOK AT THEM NOW! FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES ALREADY! BUT THEY--CHUCKLE--WANTED ME TO PLAY FOR THEM! THIS WILL LEAD TO MURDER! HO-HO-HO!
YOU CHEATING MINX! I'LL KILL YOU! I'LL TEACH YOU TO WINK AT OTHER MEN!
I HATE YOU!
I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU! GO ON, KILL ME IF YOU DARE! GO ON! YOU'LL HANG FOR IT! AEEEEE!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH, YOU BAGGAGE! AH, IT FEELS GOOD TO HAVE MY HANDS AROUND YOUR THROAT!
WHERE THERE WAS FRIENDSHIP AND JOY BEFORE--NOW THERE IS FURY AND BITTER HATRED! STONES AND GUNS, EVEN TEETH! NOBODY KNOWS WHY THEY ONLY OBEY THE EVIL MUSIC!
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UNTIL AT LAST THE GREEN IS COVERED WITH BLOODY CORPSES AND THE SPECTRAL FIDDLER PUTS AWAY HIS INSTRUMENT AND PREPARES TO DEPART, HIS EVIL WORK WELL DONE...
SO, YOU FOOLS! YOU WOULD LISTEN TO MY MUSIC! HEH-HEH! TOO BAD IT'S ALL OVER, BUT THERE
BUT THE WORD TRAVELS AHEAD AND WHEN THE FIDDLER REACHES THE NEXT VILLAGE HE FINDS THE PEOPLE ANGRY...
WHY, YOU IDIOTS! YOU THINK YOU CAN HARM ME!
WE HEARD WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU PLAYED IN OTHER VILLAGES! GET OUT! WE WILL STONE YOU TO DEATH!
SO YOU DOLTS! YOU DON'T LIKE MY MUSIC! JUST FOR THAT I WILL PLAY YOU A VERY DIFFERENT TUNE! LISTEN!
SHOW HIM NO MERCY! KILL HIM BEFORE HE CAN PLAY HIS EVIL FIDDLE!
AS THE FIDDLER PLAYS A GRIM AND HORRIBLE TUNE...
YIIII-- DEMONS! MONSTERS! RIGHT OUT OF THIN AIR!
WE COME, OUR MASTER!
AGH!
HO-HO-HO!
GOOD, MY LITTLE FIENDS! TEAR THEM TO BITS! RIP THE SKIN FROM THEIR BODIES, BREAK THEIR BONES! THEY WILL LEARN THAT IT IS NOT WELL TO DEFY THE FIDDLER!

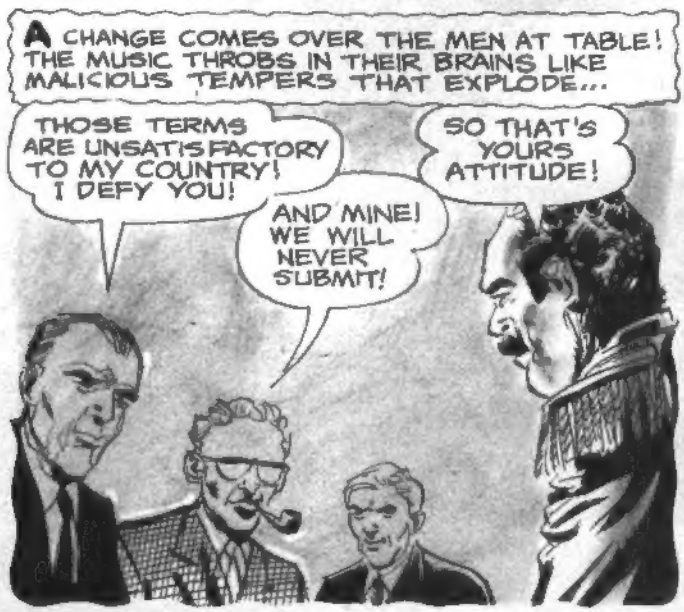
FINALLY... THEY ARE ALL DEAD, MASTER! OUR TASK IS FINISHED! NOW IS THERE ANY WORD YOU WISH US TO TAKE TO YOUR MASTER?
TELL HIM I PROSPER!
HE LONGS TO HEAR OF YOUR PROGRESS!

WE WILL TELL HIM, MASTER! HE WILL BE PLEASED! HE WILL REWARD YOU!
I SEEK NO REWARD EXCEPT A CHANCE TO BRING EVIL TO THE WORLD!

I PUT YOU AWAY FOR NOW, MY SLEEK LITTLE FIDDLE, BUT NOT FOR LONG! THERE WILL BE MUCH FOR LONG! THERE WILL BE MUCH FOR US TO DO IN THE WORLD! HAH-HAH! WE WILL MAKE THEM DANCE TO A MAD TUNE!

SO THE CORRIDORS OF TIME MARCHED THE SINISTER FIGURE OF THE FIDDLER! WHEREVER THERE WAS DEATH AND DISASTER...THERE TOO WAS THE FIDDLER! IT IS NOW CENTURIES LATER...
HO! THEY SPEAK OF PEACE! WE CANNOT HAVE THAT!
THERE IS NO REASON WHY OUR COUNTRIES SHOULD FIGHT!
I AGREE! LET US SIGN A PEACE TREATY!

AGAIN THE SOFT MUSIC BEGINS! AN EVIL LITTLE MELODY...
TALK PEACE, WILL YOU! NOT FOR LONG, YOU WON'T! NOT AFTER YOU HEAR MY FIDDLE! LISTEN TO THIS TUNE, FOOLS, LISTEN!


A CHANGE COMES OVER THE MEN AT TABLE! THE MUSIC THROBS IN THEIR BRAINS LIKE MALICIOUS TEMPERS THAT EXPLODE...
THOSE TERMS ARE UNSATISFACTORY TO MY COUNTRY! I DEFY YOU!
AND MINE! WE WILL NEVER SUBMIT!
SO THAT'S YOURS ATTITUDE!

I DEFY YOU ALL! IF IT'S WAR YOU WANT, THEN YOU SHALL HAVE WAR! DO YOU HEAR! I'LL RULE THE WHOLE WORLD! IT'S WAR!

AND THE FIDDLER LAUGHS AS THE WORLD EXPLODES INTO GHASTLY SMOKE AND FLAMES...
HO-HO-HO! HE'LL RULE THE WORLD? THE FOOLS! I RULE THE WORLD!
THE FIDDLER RULES TRIUMPHANT! LIKE A BLOODTHIRSTY VULTURE HE ROOSTS ATOP A SMASHED AND BLEEDING WORLD...
HEE-HEE-HA-HA-HO-HO-HO! I PLAY AND THE FOOLS DANCE TO THEIR DEATHS!
MORE TIME PASSED AND THE WORLD WAS REBUILT AFTER A FASHION--BUT THE FIDDLER WAS NOT DISMAYED--HE FOUND PLENTY OF WORK TO DO...
THAT'S IT, MY MAN! STRANGEE HER!
EEEEE!
I'LL KILL YOU!
NOT AS EXITING OR AS SATISFYING AS TEARING DOWN THE WORLD, BUT IT KEEPS ME BUSY AND THE DAY WILL COME AGAIN WHEN I CAN DESTROY EVERYTHING! IN THE MEANTIME THEY BURN IN THE FIRE MY MUSIC STARTED!

HE IS AT EVERY LYNCHING...
HEE-HEE-HO! HE WAS INNOCENT, OF COURSE, BUT MY MUSIC DEAFENED THEM TO HIS PLEAS! THEY..CHUCKLE.. WOULDN'T EVEN LISTEN!
HE KILLED A MAN!
HE WAS GUILTY AS SIN!
BUT THEY DO!
HO-HO-HO!
GRR!
HEE-HEE-HEE!
GAAA-- WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME! I'M SICK! MY INSIDES MELTING AWAY! SO WEAK! I CAN'T PLAY ANYMORE!
THIS TIME THE DEMONS COME WITHOUT BEING SUMMONED...
YAAA.. YOUR TIME HAS COME, FIDDLER! OUR EVIL MASTER SENDS US TO TEAR YOU TO BITS!
NO! YOU CAN'T YIEEE!
AND AROUND THE WORLD THERE IS THE HOLLOW ECHO OF SOFT AND INCREDIBLE EVIL LAUGHTER!
I NEED A NEW FIDDLER, IT SEEMS! AND I WON'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE FINDING ONE! DO YOU WANT THE JOB? OR YOU? OR YOU?
THE END

# THE SKIN-RIPPERS

LOVE, THEY SAY, IS LIKE DYING A LITTLE! SO IF TWO LOVERS MUST DIE, WHAT BETTER WAY THAN TO DIE TOGETHER, HAND IN HAND? NOT IN THEIR WILDEST DREAMS COULD THE TWO PEOPLE OF OUR STORY HAVE FORSEEN THE HORRORS THAT LAY IN WAIT FOR THEM IN A LONELY PLACE! THEY SHARED A NIGHTMARE IN WHICH CREATURES FROM HADES, COVERED WITH THE SLIME OF AGES, CRAWLED OVER THEIR SHRINKING BODIES AND, BIT BY BIT, TORE AWAY THE FLESH UNTIL THE BONES WERE PITILESSLY EXPOSED! IF YOU WANT TO SLEEP WELL TONIGHT- DON'T READ THIS SPINE FREEZING TALE ABOUT **NEW BONES FOR OLD...**

PAT AND LORNA FULLER, JUST MARRIED, AND VERY MUCH IN LOVE, TAKE A SEA VOYAGE ON THEIR HONEYMOON...

SUDDENLY, TO THE OMINOUS CRYING OF FOG HORNS, ANOTHER SHIP LOOMS OUT OF THE FOG! THERE IS A TERRIBLE CRASH!

SECONDS OF FRENZY AND PANIC ELAPSE, AND THEN...
KEEP SWIMMING, LORNA! I'VE GOT A RAFT! I'LL HAVE YOU IN A MINUTE!
OH! H-HURRY! W-WATER IS SO C-COLD! I-I CAN'T STAY UP MUCH LONGER!
THEY ARE OVERLOOKED BY RESCUE PARTIES IN THE FOG! AFTER A LONG NIGHT OF COLD AND FEAR, THE SUN FINALLY RISES...
LORNA! LOOK OVER THERE! AN ISLAND! WE'RE IN LUCK, HONEY! THERE MUST BE WATER ON IT, AND SOME KIND OF FOOD!
THANK GOOD-NESS! MAYBE A SHIP WILL PICK US UP SOON! WE CAN SEND UP A SMOKE SIGNAL!
A MOMENT LATER...
CAREFUL OF THE SURF NOW! DON'T WANT TO BASH OUR HEADS IN ON A ROCK! HMM-SURE LOOKS DESERTED, DOESN'T IT?
Y-YES! BUT AT LEAST IT'S DRY LAND!
LOOK AT THAT FUNNY LOOKING KIND OF SAND DUNES! ALL IN THE SAME SPOT, SORT OF LIKE A VILLAGE!
ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE DUNES, PAT, THEY LOOK SO REGULAR! ALMOST AS IF THEY HAD BEEN BUILT BY HAND! FOR SOME REASON THEY GIVE ME THE CREEPS!
L-LOOK! THOSE STRANGE TRACKS IN THE SAND! CLAW-MARKS! I-I DON'T THINK I LIKE THIS ISLAND!
BUT WE'RE STUCK HERE! LET'S MAKE THE BEST OF IT!
LATER, AS PAT GATHERS FIRE-WOOD...
HARDLY HAD THE MACABRE THOUGHT PASSED THROUGH PAT'S MIND WHEN HE HEARS LORNA SCREAM...
I WOULDN'T LET LORNA KNOW IT, BUT I'M AS JITTERY AS SHE IS ABOUT THIS PLACE! I FEEL AS THOUGH SOMETHING IS WATCHING US ALL THE TIME - SOMETHING HORRIBLE - WAITING!
EEEEEEE PAT! HELP!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S LORNA IN TROUBLE!

AS HE REACHES THE BEACH, A FANTASTIC SIGHT GREETS HIM...
GOOD GRIEF! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT CREATURE!
AAAAAAA HELP! THEY'RE AFTER ME! GIANT ANTS! H-HORRIBLE!
AS PAT FIGHTS THE HUGE ANT, IT EMITS A SHRILL SOUND..
YOU'RE A HORROR, BUSTER, BUT I THINK I CAN HANDLE YOU! I'LL SMASH THAT UGLY BODY OF YOURS TO PULP!
SQUERR SQUERR
AND WHEN THE CREATURE IS DEAD THEY EXAMINE IT CAREFULLY...
IT'S A GIANT ANT, ALL RIGHT! TWO OR THREE OF THEM COULD KILL A MAN EASILY! AND BY THE WAY IT ATTACKED US, I'M AFRAID IT LIKED... HUMAN FLESH!
DO YOU THINK THERE ARE MORE OF THEM?
SUDDENLY PAT GRABS HER ARM AND BEGINS TO RUN...
PAT! W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT'S THE MATTER? IT'S DEAD!
C'MON! I JUST HAD A HORRID THOUGHT! YOU KNOW THOSE DUNES WE SAW? SUPPOSE THE AREN'T DUNES... SUPPOSE THEY'RE ANT HILLS?
BUT IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE!
OH-OH! I WAS RIGHT! SEE THEM POURING OUT OF THOSE HILLS! THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE NOW AND THEY WANT US!
UGH! SO M-MANY OF THEM! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THEY'LL EAT US ALIVE!

I KNOW I'M AFRAID OF WHAT I'M THINKING, BABY! LOOK AT THEM NOW, SWINGING IN A CIRCLE TO SURROUND US! BRRR-REMEMBER STUDYING ANTS IN SCHOOL!
THEY CAN THINK! THEY'LL MAKE A CIRCLE AROUND US AND THEN CLOSE IN GRADUALLY!
SQUEEE-SQURRR-
PAT HAS AN IDEA..
DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN KEEP THEM OFF WITH FIRE? M-MAYBE THEY AREN'T AFRAID OF IT!
WE'VE GOT TO GAMBLE! FIRE IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO LIVE! HURRY AND GET MORE WOOD! WE'LL MAKE A CIRCLE OF OUR OWN!
SOON...
NOW WE'LL SEE! GOOD THING THAT I CARRY MATCHES IN A WATERPROOF CASE, OR WE WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE THIS CHANCE!
THEY'RE ALL AROUND US! C-CLOSING IN!
THEY CROUCH INSIDE THE RING OF SEARING FLAME...
LOOK, THE FIRE HAS STOPPED THEM! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS KEEP IT GOING, MAKE IT LARGER!
NIGHT COMES AND STILL THE ANT MONSTERS WAIT PATIENTLY...
THEY WON'T CROSS THE LINE OF FIRE, BUT THEY WON'T GO AWAY EITHER! THEY SEEM TO KNOW WE CAN'T ESCAPE!
THOSE EYES! STARING OUT OF THE DARK! IF MORNING WOULD ONLY COME!

BUT WITH DAWN COMES A NEW DANGER..
I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR, LORNA, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF WOOD!
THIS IS THE LAST! WE C-CAN'T GET ANY MORE!
THEN...
PAT, A SHIP! OH, WE'RE SAVED! THEY MUST HAVE SEEN THE SMOKE FROM OUR FIRE! WE'VE BEATEN THOSE CREATURES!
BUT NOT YET...
THE SHIP! TURNING AWAY FROM THE ISLAND! THEY EXPECTED US TO BE ON THE BEACH! THEY MUST THINK THE ISLAND IS DESERTED AFTER ALL!
COME ON, THEN! LET'S GET TO THE BEACH!
HURRY! THE SHIP IS STILL IN SIGHT! IF WE CAN GET TO THE BEACH IN TIME, WE CAN GET THEIR ATTENTION!
STICK CLOSE TO ME AND USE THAT CLUB LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES!
BUT INSTANTLY THE FOUL MONSTERS SWARM OVER LORNA...
A'EEEEEE! HELP! TH-THEY'VE GOT ME!
SQURRRRR
THEY PULLED THE CLUB OUT OF MY HAND! EEEEE! MY L-LEGS! BITTEN SO I CAN'T STAND UP! PAT, D-DON'T LEAVE ME TO THEM! OHHHH!
I'M COMING, DARLING!
SQUEE-
SQURRRR-

YEEEEEEE THEY'RE EATING ME ALIVE! D-DON'T LET THEM! AAAAA-
I'M COMING, PAT! KEEP ON FIGHTING!

BUT...
YOU, BLOCKING ME OFF, KEEPING ME FROM GETTING TO LORNA! I'LL CLUB YOUR FIENDISH BRAINS OUT!
SQUEEEE-

FINALLY..
LORNA! GREAT SCOTT- WHERE IS SHE? N-NO! NOT UNDER THAT SQUIRMING HEAP! PLEASE DON'T LET LORNA BE IN THERE! PLEASE!

AND...
GAAA! IT- IT IS! ALL THAT'S LEFT OF MY W-WIFE! THOSE BRUTES PICKED HER BONES CLEAN IN A MINUTE!

NO LONGER DOES PAT TRY TO ESCAPE! HE TURNS, AND CLUB READY, FACES THE BLACK HORDE THAT CREEPS TOWARD HIM...
C'MON, YOU MURDERING CREATURES! YOU'LL GET ME, SURE, BUT I'LL MAKE JELLY OUT OF SOME OF YOU FIRST!

IT DID NOT LAST VERY LONG! THE CREW OF THE DISTANT SHIP COULD NOT HEAR HIS CRIES AS THE LIVING FLESH WAS STRIPPED FROM HIS BONES! BUT IN THE END, BY SOME STRANGE CHANCE, THE ANTS DRAGGED THE SKELETONS TOGETHER AND LEFT THEM IN DEATH AS THEY HAD BEEN IN LIFE!
PERHAPS THEY KNEW!
THE END

# THE COFFIN

I AM A COFFIN, AND THIS IS MY STORY! A STORY OF PAIN AND PATIENCE, HORROR AND HAPPINESS, LIFE AND DEATH! I HAVE SEEN THE SEAMY SIDE OF LIFE AND-(CHUCKLE)-DEATH! I KNOW THE UN-KNOWABLE! I HAVE BEEN WET WITH TEARS, AND FELT THE CRUEL SLITHER OF THE WORMS IN MY ENTRAILS! IN A WAY I AM ALL COFFINS, AND THUS I SPEAK FOR ALL COFFINS! YOU DO NOT NEED ME NOW, OR EVEN WANT ME AROUND, BUT YOU WILL SOME DAY! AND I'LL BE THERE! I'LL BE READY, WAITING-FOR YOU...

IS THIS YOU?

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO I WAS A STURDY YOUNG OAK! ONCE I SHELTERED THE SAVAGES WHO WAITED FOR A WAGON TRAIN...

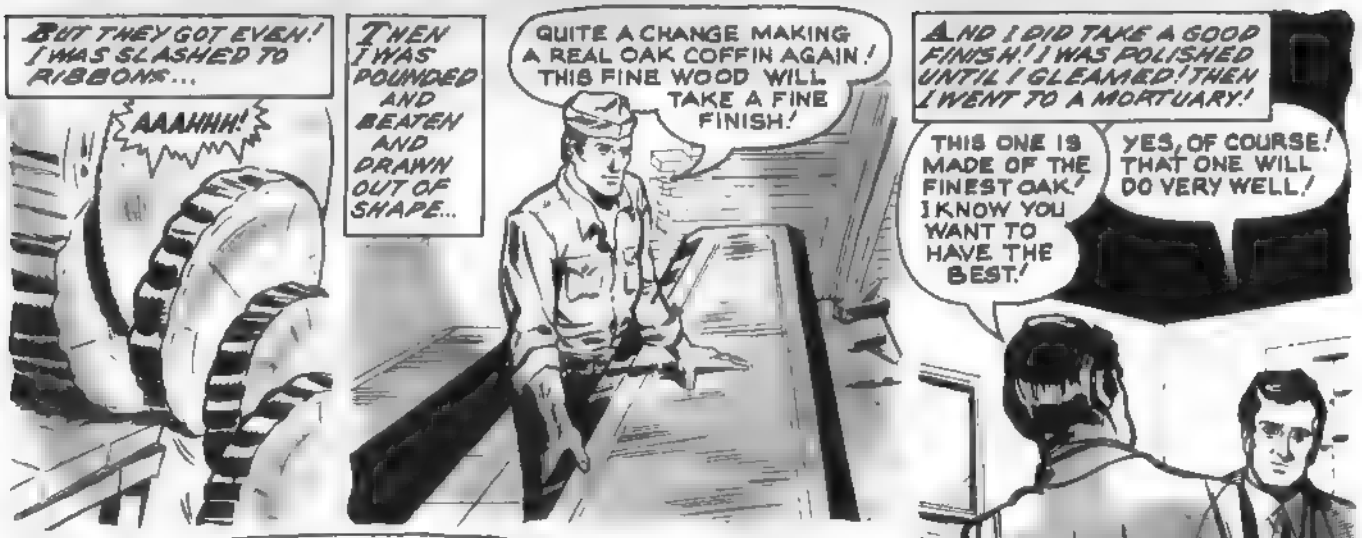
UGH! WAGON COME NOW! WE KILL ALL WHITE SETTLERS!

AND I WATCHED THE SLAUGHTER AS THE POOR WRETCHES DIED UNDER THE TOMAHAWKS OF THE SAVAGES... THE DIED HARD AND BLOOD-ILY, THEIR HAIR WRENCH-ED FROM THEIR SCALPS, ARROWS IN THEIR VITALS...

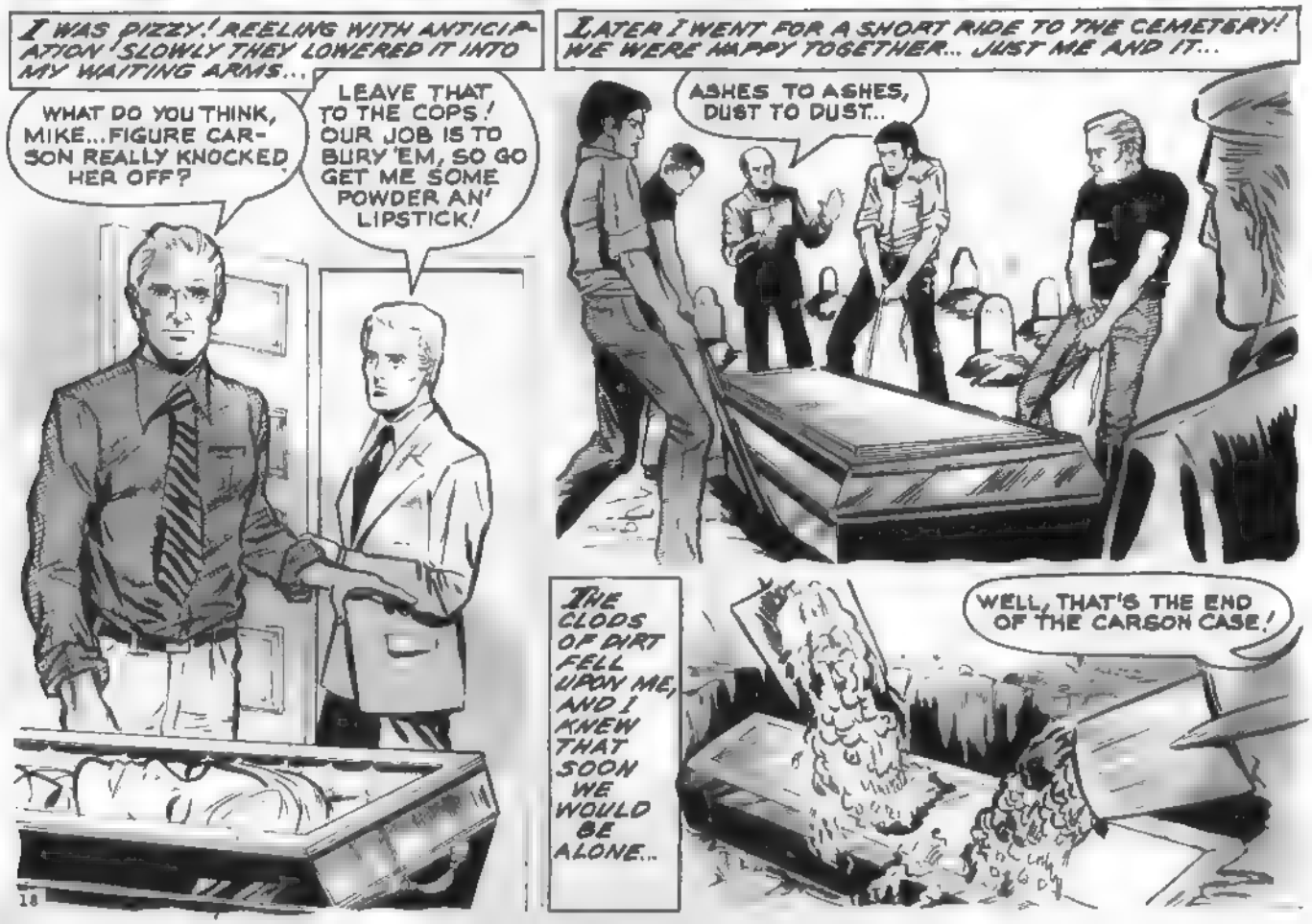
EEEEEE

UGNNN

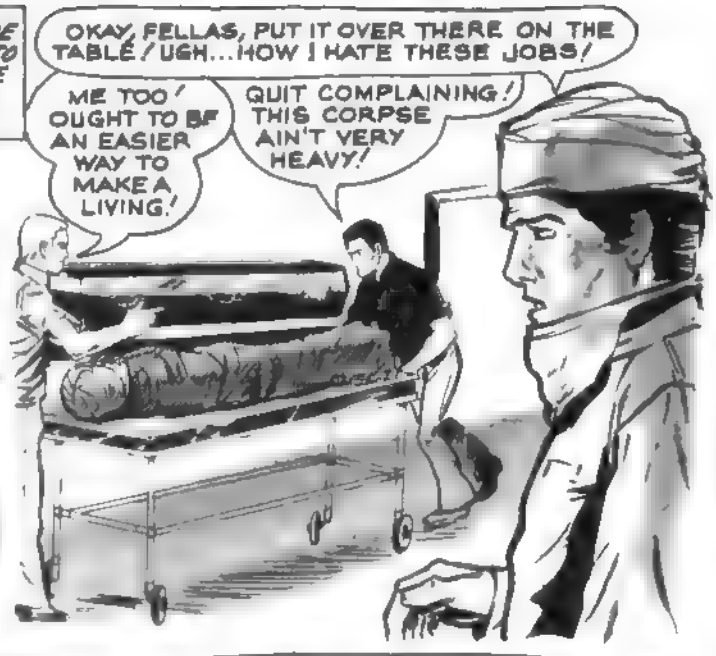
LATER I HEARD WHAT ONLY ANOTHER TREE CAN HEAR... THE TERRIBLE GROANS OF MY BROTHERS AS THEY WERE CUT DOWN...
OWWW
SCREEE
THEN MY TURN CAME! I TOO SCREAMED AS THE CRUEL STEEL BIT INTO ME...
OHHH
I SCREAMED AND SCREAMED AS I FELL CRASHING TO THE GRANITE HARD EARTH...
TIMBER! RUN FOR IT!
THIS ONE IS A WHOPPER!
AIEEE
I WAS DRAGGED ROUGHLY TO A LONG CHUTE LEADING DOWN TO THE RIVER...
GIDDAP, BESS, TILLIE! MOVE! WE GOT TO GIT THESE LOGS DOWN THE RIVER BEFORE THE FREEZEUP!
AS I WENT WHIRLING DOWN THE CHUTE I SAW A CHANCE FOR REVENGE...
YIIIIIEE... MY FOOT'S CAUGHT! HELP!
IT WAS ONE OF THE MEN WHO HAD CUT ME DOWN! NOW I SMASHED HIM INTO A GREASY RED PULP...
AGHHH-- UHHH!


BUT THEY GOT EVEN! I WAS SLASHED TO RIBBONS...
AAAHHH!
THEN I WAS POUNDED AND BEATEN AND DRAWN OUT OF SHAPE...
QUITE A CHANGE MAKING A REAL OAK COFFIN AGAIN! THIS FINE WOOD WILL TAKE A FINE FINISH!
AND I DID TAKE A GOOD FINISH! I WAS POLISHED UNTIL I GLEAMED! THEN I WENT TO A MORTUARY!
THIS ONE IS MADE OF THE FINEST OAK! I KNOW YOU WANT TO HAVE THE BEST!
YES, OF COURSE! THAT ONE WILL DO VERY WELL!

AND THEN AT LAST I KNEW MY DESTINY! I TREMBLED WITH ANTICIPATION AS I SAW THEM BRINGING IT...
MIGHT AS WELL GET STARTED, MIKE! WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THE CARSON DAME READY BY MORNING!


I WAS DIZZY! REELING WITH ANTICIPATION! SLOWLY THEY LOWERED IT INTO MY WAITING ARMS...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIKE...FIGURE CARSON REALLY KNOCKED HER OFF?
LEAVE THAT TO THE COPS! OUR JOB IS TO BURY 'EM, SO GO GET ME SOME POWDER AN' LIPSTICK!
LATER I WENT FOR A SHORT RIDE TO THE CEMETERY! WE WERE HAPPY TOGETHER... JUST ME AND IT...
ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST...
THE CLODS OF DIRT FELL UPON ME, AND I KNEW THAT SOON WE WOULD BE ALONE...
WELL, THAT'S THE END OF THE CARSON CASE!

BUT I WAS NOT LEFT AT PEACE! THE CARSON CASE WAS REOPENED! I WAS RUDELY PULLED FROM THE GRAVE...
LOOKS LIKE CARSON AIN'T GONNA GET AWAY WITH IT!
MAYBE NOT! DON'T SEE WHY THEY DON'T DO THE AUTOPSY BEFORE AND SAVE US ALL THIS WORK!


WE WERE TAKEN TO A POLICE LABORATORY!
OKAY, FELLAS, PUT IT OVER THERE ON THE TABLE! UGH...HOW I HATE THESE JOBS!
ME TOO! OUGHT TO BE AN EASIER WAY TO MAKE A LIVING!
QUIT COMPLAINING! THIS CORPSE AIN'T VERY HEAVY!

I HAD TO WATCH AS THEY SLASHED MY DEAR DEAD PARTNER WITH THEIR LONG CRUEL KNIVES...
HMM...WE'LL HAVE THE STOMACH OUT IN A MINUTE! WON'T TAKE LONG TO FIND OUT IF SHE WAS POISONED OR NOT!
FIVE TO THREE SHE WAS!

YOU WIN, ARSENIC, SURE AS YOU'RE BORN! THIS WILL REALLY COOK CARSON'S GOOSE!

THEY IGNORED ME! A SUDDEN FEAR BEGAN TO GROW IN MY MIND... I WASN'T GOING TO GET MY BODY BACK...
WE BETTER MAKE OUT OUR REPORT, AND KEEP THE BODY IN STORAGE UNTIL AFTER THIS IS ALL OVER!
I'LL HAVE THE MEN TAKE THE COFFIN AWAY LATER!

I WAS TO BE TAKEN AWAY... EMPTY! BUT WHERE? THE NEXT DAY I FOUND OUT...
NICE BOX! WONDER WHAT THEY'LL DO WITH IT?
LEAVE IT TO GATHER DUST, I GUESS! I HEAR SHE'S GETTING A NEW ONE!

I DID GATHER DUST... THEN ONE DAY.

I TOLD YA THEY'D USE THIS COFFIN! THOSE GUYS AT STATE PRISON DON'T MISS A TRICK!

YEAH, SAVES THE STATE SOME MONEY! EVEN A PINE BOX COSTS DOUGH!

I WAS DOING SOMETHING AGAIN! WE STOPPED AT A HUGE IRON GATE!

HERE YOU ARE, LARRY! WE IN TIME?

HURRY! THEY'RE GIVING IT TO HIM ANY MINUTE NOW!

SUDDENLY THE MEN STOPPED! I COULD FEEL THEM GROW TENSE! BUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING?

GIVES ME A CREEPY FEELING!

G-GOSH, THAT POOR DEVIL! RIDING THE THUNDERBOLT!

THERE! SEE THOSE LIGHTS DIM! THAT'S IT!

THEN I FORGOT THEM! I WAS HAPPY! THEY WERE GIVING ME ANOTHER BODY!

SOME TWIST, THE GUY BUYS HIS WIFE A SWELL COFFIN AND IN THE END...

HE USES IT! WELL, THERE WASN'T ANY SENSE IN THROWING IT AWAY, AND HER BROTHER WOULDN'T LET THEM BURY HER IN IT AGAIN!

WE DROVE TO ANOTHER GRAVEYARD WITH MY NEW BODY, CARSON HIMSELF!

YOU KNOW, JAKE, I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING FUNNY!

TELL ME, I NEED CHEERING UP!

ONCE AGAIN I FELT EARTH FALLING ON ME! NOW AT LAST I WAS TO BE LEFT IN PEACE, FOR ALL ETERNITY WITH IT

I DON'T MEAN FUNNY LIKE THAT, BUT DID YA EVER THINK ABOUT A COFFIN?

NOT ANYMORE THAN I CAN HELP! IF THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF FUNNY, SHUT UP!

BUT SUPPOSE A COFFIN WAS ALIVE, AND COULD TALK, BROTHER... SOME OF THE THINGS IT COULD TELL YA!

YOU SNAPPED YOUR CUE, PAL! BETTER CUT OUT READING SO MANY OF THEM HORROR STORIES!

THE END

REVENGE CAN SOMETIMES BE SO SUBTLE! MURDER OF THE SOUL, IF NOT THE BODY, CAN BE A FINE ART! MARK CUMMINS, WHO WAS ALL BRAIN AND NO HEART, WAS AN ARTIST SUPREME WHEN IT CAME TO REVENGE! HE DEVISED THE MOST FIENDISH SCHEME EVER DREAMED UP BY A HUMAN BEING - IF HE **WAS** HUMAN! BUT IN THE END HE FELL INTO HIS OWN TRAP AND HIMSELF BECAME ONE OF THE

# HEADS OF HORROR

MARK CUMMINS, TOP PHYSICIST, WAS ALL BRAIN...
SORRY, LISBETH, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE PARTY ALONE! I'VE GOT TO DO THIS NEW EXPERIMENT!
PLEASE, MARK, NOT AGAIN! IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN ME OUT / WE MIGHT AS WELL NOT BE MARRIED!
WHILE LISBETH, HIS WIFE WAS ALL WOMAN!
I HATE HIM! ALL HE THINKS OF ARE HIS EXPERIMENTS! I MIGHT AS WELL BE MARRIED TO A TEST TUBE!
IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT LISBETH WOULD MEET A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN! THAT NIGHT AT THE PARTY!..
YOU KNOW, MRS. CUMMINS - LISBETH - I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU ALL MY LIFE!
NOW, TED! REALLY! YOU SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT!
BUT I LOVE IT!
YOU'RE LOVELY! I MUST SEE YOU AGAIN, PROMISE!
IT IS EQUALLY INEVITABLE THAT THEY GET CAUGHT...
YES! I-I SHOULDN'T, BUT I WILL / WHY NOT? MY HUSBAND DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I'M ALIVE!
SO THAT'S IT! LISBETH HAS FOUND A LOVER!
DARLING, ISN'T THIS DANGEROUS?
DON'T BE SILLY! MARK'S TOO BUSY WITH HIS EXPERIMENTS!

LATER...
SO SHE THINKS SHE CAN MAKE A FOOL OF ME, EH? HAH! I'LL SHOW THEM- BUT THERE'S NO HURRY- I'LL WAIT UNTIL I CAN THINK OF A REALLY SUBTLE WAY TO GET REVENGE!
STILL LATER...
AT LAST! THE SHIPMENT FROM HODGES IN CEYLON! WONDER HOW HE'S BEEN GETTING ALONG WITH HIS EXPERIMENTS? UGH!- TRYING TO SHRINK HUMAN HEADS ARTIFICIALLY!
HE DID IT! IT'S ALL HERE IN HIS LETTER, THE FORMULA AND EVERYTHING! HE TOOK THE HEADS FROM NORMAL CORPSES AND TURNED THEM INTO THIS!
ONE NIGHT A FEW WEEKS LATER...
I CAN'T STAND THIS MUCH LONGER, DARLING! YOU MUST DIVORCE THAT STUPID HUSBAND OF YOURS AND MARRY ME!
YES! I'LL TELL HIM TONIGHT, AFTER YOU GO! HE WON'T CARE!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, LISBETH! I DO CARE! I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO!
HUH! THAT GUN!
MARK! W-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

MARK CUMMINS FORCES HIS WIFE AND HER LOVER INTO THE LABORATORY...
Y-YOU WOULDN'T KILL US, CUMMINS! THEY'LL GET YOU SURE!
PLEASE, MARK, LET US GO! YOU KNOW YOU DON'T LOVE ME!
INSIDE! AND DON'T WORRY- I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU!
AND...
THERE! YOU DID A GOOD JOB! AND NOW I'LL DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB ON YOU!
Y-YOU'RE INSANE, CUMMINS! LET US GO! WE'LL NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN!
HA HA! YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, AT LEAST! YOU'LL NEVER BOTHER ME AGAIN!
MMMFF-HHHHFFF-
FFMMM-HHHHHHH-
..MY FRIEND FOUND OUT HOW TO SHRINK THEM IN HOURS! AND I CARRIED IT EVEN FURTHER! I CAN SHRINK LIVE TISSUE! NEED I- HA HA HA SAY MORE?
THEN...
SEE THESE HEADS? THEY WERE ONCE NORMAL SIZE! A COLLEAGUE OF MINE, AFTER YEARS WITH THE HEAD-HUNTERS OF CEYLON, DISCOVERED THEIR SECRET! BUT WHERE IT TAKES THEM MONTHS TO SHRINK A HEAD...

A TERRIBLE EXPERIMENT BEGINS...
THIS WON'T HURT YOU, MY DEAR! NOT-(CHUCKLE) PHYSICALLY, AT LEAST! I'LL SHRINK BOTH YOUR HEADS TO EXACTLY THE SAME SIZE!
MMMFFF SPUTTERR-
...AND THEN I'LL LET YOU GO! YOU WILL DESERVE EACH OTHER THEN! MAYBE-HA HA-YOU CAN FIND WORK IN A FREAK SHOW! A PAIR OF HO HO-PIN HEADS!
WHEN THE GHASTLY WORK IS DONE...
I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS ALONE NOW! IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME FOR THE FORMULA TO WORK! I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR OR TWO!
MMMFFF!
BUT AS SOON AS THE DOOR CLOSES,
MFF-GAAFF-SPUTTER-
TED-TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING! WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO? TRYING TO GET TO THE BENCH-TO THAT BOTTLE!
UHGHFMM-GAAAA-
I KNOW! THE ACID! NO, DARLING, DON'T! HORRIBLE! EAT YOUR FLESH TO THE BONE!

BUT HE SUCCEEDS IN SPILLING THE ACID...
GUFFNNNN!
THE FIERY STUFF EATS AWAY THE ROPES...
I-DID-IT-OHHHHHH THE PAIN! BUT I'LL UNTIE YOU, LISBETH! WE'LL-GET-AWAY! UHHHHH!
BUT AS THE GAG COMES OFF...
TED! YOUR H-HEAD! OHH-HORRIBLE! EEEEEEE-
YIOOOWW- THE FORMULA! IT WORKS! MY HEAD-SHRINKING!
LISBETH! Y-YOUR HEAD, TOO! LIKE MINE!
EEEEEEE! HE DID THIS TO US! WE'RE FREAKS NOW!

OUT OF FEAR AND UTTER DESPAIR COMES HATE-AND A DREADFUL PLAN...
IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD GET EVEN! KILLING IS TOO GOOD FOR THAT MONSTER!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IF WE CAN FIND THAT SYRINGE HE USED ON US! THERE MAY BE SOME SERUM LEFT!
AH, HERE IT IS! AND THERE IS SOME OF THE FORMULA LEFT! YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, LISBETH!
YES! ONLY HURRY, I HEAR HIM COMING! GET BEHIND THE DOOR!
GOT YOU, YOU FIEND!
DON'T KILL HIM! REMEMBER OUR PLAN! GET HIS GUN!
HUH! WHA?
MARK CUMMINS GETS THE BITTEREST DOSE IN THE WORLD... HIS OWN MEDICINE...
NO! PLEASE! I'LL LOOK LIKE-LIKE YOU TWO HORRORS!
THAT'S RIGHT! JUST LIKE US! YOU'LL BE A FREAK TOO!
HURRY! YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO! LET'S GET IT OVER WITH BEFORE WE LOSE OUR NERVE!
GOODBYE! WE'RE GOING TO KILL OURSELVES! I ADVISE YOU TO DO THE SAME!
YES, YOU'LL FIND THE GUN BY OUR BODIES!
NO, DON'T LEAVE ME! THERE MIGHT STILL BE A CHANCE!

GOODBYE, DARLING! WE CAN'T LIVE THIS WAY! I'LL SHOOT YOU, AND THEN...
YES, MY LOVE! G-GOODBYE!
THE TERROR STRICKEN MAN, HIS HEAD ALREADY SHRINKING, NEARS THE SHOTS...
YOWWWWW THEY DID IT! THEY KILLED THEMSELVES! HELP! HELP! MY HEAD---
BANG BANG
AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE TO INVESTIGATE THE SCREAMING...
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IS IT?
UGH! I DON'T KNOW! AND I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO SEE ANYTHING LIKE IT AGAIN! SOUNDS LIKE HE-IT IS CRAZY!
HEE-HEE UGL-DUGG-HA-HA HO-GURGLE HO HEE HAW-HO-ULK-
SO WHO IN THE END WAS THE FREAK...
STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS! SEE THE GREATEST FREAK SHOW OF ALL TIME! RIGHT THIS WAY! ONLY A DIME!
THE END

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HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE URGE TO DO SOMETHING **DARING OR SHOCKING...** SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE OF **YOU?** THEN YOU CAN PROBABLY UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONS THAT WERE INVOLVED WHEN FRANK ANNOUNCED...

# I CHOPPED HER HEAD OFF!

FRANK HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SLOW, AWKWARD CHILD... NONDESCRIPT IN APPEARANCE AND COMPLETELY LACKING IN PERSONALITY... HE WAS SO QUIET THAT HIS FOLKS OFTEN FORGOT THAT HE WAS AROUND...
COME ON, PETER, MARY, LINDA... WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THE LAKE... OH, AND YOU, TOO, FRANK!

OTHER CHILDREN HARDLY EVER INCLUDED HIM IN THEIR GAMES BECAUSE HE WAS NEVER MUCH GOOD AT ANYTHING...
HOW ABOUT FRANK?
AHH... WE DON'T NEED HIM! HE ALWAYS DROPS THE BALL!

AND SO FRANK GREW INTO A YOUNG ADULT... LEFT OUT... UNWANTED... IGNORED...
COME ON SUSAN... I'LL BUY YOU A SODA!
YEAH... LET'S ALL GO!

SUSAN WAS THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN COLLEGE... ALSO THE WILDEST! BOYS TRIPPED OVER EACH OTHER TO GET NEAR HER...
BUT FRANK JUST LOOKED ON FROM A DISTANCE WATCHING HER EVERY MOVE... DESIRING HER... HATING HER...

ONE RAINY DAY FRANK SAW SUSAN WALKING HOME ALONE... SOMEWHERE HE FOUND A SPARK OF COURAGE...
CAN I HOLD YOUR UMBRELLA FOR YOU, SUSAN?
HUH? OH, SURE, FRANK! YOU STARTLED ME!

THEY STROLLED ALONG IN SILENCE AND A PLAN BEGAN TO FORM IN FRANK'S MIND...
LET'S TAKE A SHORTCUT THROUGH MAXWELL'S FARM
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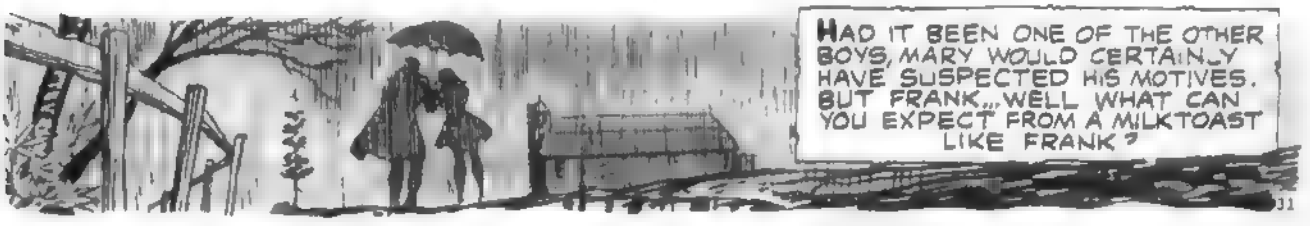

HAD IT BEEN ONE OF THE OTHER BOYS, MARY WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE SUSPECTED HIS MOTIVES. BUT FRANK... WELL WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A MILKTOAST LIKE FRANK?

AND SO WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY STOP FOR A MOMENT IN MAXWELL'S BARN, SHE DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE! FRANK WATCHED HER AS SHE STRETCHED OUT IN THE HAY...

SUSAN... I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
WHAT!

YOU'RE JUST CRAZY IF YOU ASK ME! NOW LET ME GO!
WHY SHOULD I?

EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF A GIRL YOU ARE... DON'T TRY TO BE COY WITH ME... YOU AREN'T SO SQUEAMISH WITH OTHER FELLOWS!
YES, BUT THE OTHER FELLOWS ARE ROUGH AND STRONG AND I LIKE THEM THAT WAY!
YOU'RE JUST A WEAK-KNEED SISSY AND I WOULDN'T LET YOU KISS ME IF YOU WERE THE LAST BOY ON EARTH!

A WEAK-KNEED SISSY AM I...
I'LL SHOW YOU...
NO...N...OOOo

BLINDED BY FRUSTRATION AND FURY, HE SWUNG THE AXE AGAIN... AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN...

AND THEN LIMP AND TREMBLING HE STARED DAZEDLY AT WHAT HAD *ONCE* BEEN SUSAN!

WEAK-KNEED SISSY, AM I? WHAT A LAUGH!

AS HE LEFT THE SCENE OF HIS CRIME FRANK FELT NO REMORSE OVER WHAT HE HAD DONE... ONLY A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT... OF SATISFACTION!

HE ARRIVED HOME IN A GLOW OF TRIUMPH... BUT HIS MOTHER'S FIRST WORDS TO HIM PUT A DAMPER ON HIS ELATION..

FRANK HELP MARY SET THE TABLE WE'RE HAVING DINNER SOON... AND PLEASE TRY NOT TO BREAK ANYTHING!

YES, MOTHER!

I SAW YOU WITH SUSAN THIS AFTERNOON, FRANK! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU! SHE'S A VERY PRETTY GIRL!

NOT ANY MORE SHE ISN'T!

WHY? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER?
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT! I CHOPPED HER HEAD OFF!

HA... HA... VERY FUNNY! YOU KILLED HER... AND I SUPPOSE YOU CHOPPED HER INTO TINY PIECES AND ATE HER UP...
I DIDN'T EAT HER... BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE TINY PIECES!

FRANK'S SISTER SCOFFED AT HIS REMARKS... NATURALLY SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT! BUT AT DINNER THAT EVENING...
OH, DAD... DID MARY TELL YOU I KILLED SUSAN TODAY AND CHOPPED HER UP WITH MR. MAXWELL'S AXE!
PLEASE, MOTHER! MUST WE LISTEN TO SUCH DISGUSTING TALK?
STOP THAT, FRANK! THE DINNER TABLE IS NO PLACE TO EXHIBIT YOUR MORBID SENSE OF HUMOR!

BUT I DID! I REALLY DID! WHY CAN'T YOU BELIEVE ME? SHE'S IN MAXWELL'S BARN, LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD!
SIT DOWN, FRANK, AND STOP ACTING LIKE A FOOL! THE VERY IDEA OF YOUR KILLING SUSAN... HAH! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE NERVE ENOUGH TO STEP ON A ROACH... LET ALONE KILL ANYONE!

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT BOY! DO YOU SUPPOSE WE OUGHT TO TAKE HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIST?
HEAVENS, SAM... THE BOY IS AS NORMAL AS YOU OR I! PSYCHIATRIST INDEED!

AND FRANK REALIZED SUDDENLY THAT IT HAD ALL BEEN IN VAIN!
EVEN MY OWN FAMILY DOESN'T BELIEVE ME!
THEY JUST DON'T BELIEVE THE TRUTH!
WHEN FRANK DIDN'T RETURN HOME THAT NIGHT, HIS FAMILY BECAME WORRIED... THE NEXT MORNING THEY WENT LOOKING FOR HIM! SOMEONE REMEMBERED HIM MENTIONING MAXWELL'S BARN!
THERE THEY FOUND HIM...
F-FRANK?!! OH, NO!
GOOD HEAVENS!
THEY ALSO FOUND SUSAN!
JUMPING JEHOSOPHAT! LOOK HERE!
THE POLICE CALLED IT A CLEAR CASE OF MURDER AND SUICIDE... BUT THEY ATTRIBUTED THE MURDER TO SOME WANDERING MANIAC AND THE SUICIDE... WELL, EVERYONE AGREED THAT FRANK MUST HAVE BEEN SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH SUSAN... AND WHEN HE DISCOVERED HER BODY... WELL IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HIS SENSITIVE NERVES!!!
the End!
AND SO FRANK, WHO WANTED TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR A DARING DEED WAS CHEATED EVEN UNTO THE GRAVE! FOR EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FRANK COULDN'T HURT A FLY!

THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT... ANY CLERK WILL TELL YOU THAT, BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER...

# SATAN'S CAT

ENTER, MONSIEUR! YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR ME, EH?
TRUE, BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I KNOW MANY THINGS... NOW HOW CAN I SERVE YOU?
WELL, ER--

CAN I TALK HERE?
CERTAINLY! DIABLO WILL NOT TELL YOUR SECRET!

I WANT YOU TO MURDER MY WIFE!

MURDER IS SUCH A HORRIBLE WORD, MONSIER... LET'S SAY... DO AWAY WITH!
CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL... BUT IT MUST BE SOON!

BUT WHAT IS YOUR HURRY? SERVICES LIKE THIS CANNOT BE RUSHED!
BUT IT HAS TO BE! SHE PLANS TO RUN AWAY WITH A YOUNGER MAN NEXT FRIDAY!

TELL ME ABOUT HER! THERE MUST BE NO MISTAKES AS TO HER IDENTITY! IN MY BUSINESS, ONE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE A MISTAKE!
WELL, SHE'S TALL, BLONDE, STRIKING TO LOOK AT AND SHE HAS A TINY SCAR ON HER LEFT CHEEK!

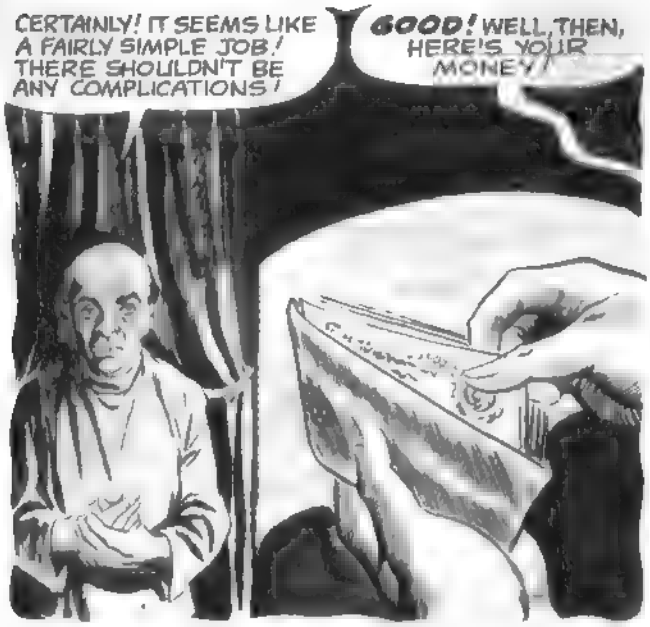
HMM... THAT'S ABOUT ALL, I GUESS... OH, YES... HER NAME IS...
NO NAMES, MONSIEUR! ONE CANNOT BE TOO CAREFUL IN MY OCCUPATION!

ANY HABIT? ANYTHING AT ALL! SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP ME PERFORM THIS ER... SERVICE!
YES--COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE HAS A GREAT FONDNESS FOR LICORICE... AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE BOTH DO... BUT THAT MIGHT HELP YOU!

LICORICE, EH? THEN IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO ARRANGE! A LITTLE PRICK OF THE NEEDLE ON A FEW PIECES AND THEN... IT'S ALL OVER!
DON'T DESCRIBE IT! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

SORRY, MONSIER, I DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE SO SQUEAMISH! BUT NOW TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND!
YES, YOUR FEE! I WILL DOUBLE IT IF YOU CAN DO A RUSH JOB FOR ME!

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU, SIR, BUT YOU KNOW THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT... AND I HAVE ANOTHER SERVICE TO PERFORM BEFORE YOURS!
WHAT LUCK! BUT YOU WILL DO IT BEFORE FRIDAY, WON'T YOU?


CERTAINLY! IT SEEMS LIKE A FAIRLY SIMPLE JOB! THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY COMPLICATIONS!
GOOD! WELL, THEN, HERE'S YOUR MONEY!

THANK YOU, SIR ... THANK YOU! NOW, REMEMBER... DON'T EVER CONTACT ME AGAIN... UNLESS OF COURSE YOU SHOULD EVER FIND NEED OF MY SERVICES!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... I'M GOING ABROAD VERY SHORTLY!

HAVE A NICE TRIP, SIR... AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING-- I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING BY FRIDAY!
ALL RIGHT, THEN! BUT I WISH YOU COULD DO THIS SERVICE FIRST! OH, WELL, I GUESS YOU KNOW YOUR BUSINESS BEST!

THE IMPATIENCE OF SOME PEOPLE, EH, DIABLO? COME... LET US PREPARE FOR THE OTHER ASSIGNMENT!

THIS WILL BE SIMPLER THAN I IMAGINED... ELDERLY MAN... SLIGHT SCAR ON FORHEAD... WEARS SPATS... LIKES LICORICE... WIFE WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH HIM!

IF HE ONLY KNEW... BUT THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT... ONLY-- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED! HEH... HEH... HEH!
THE END

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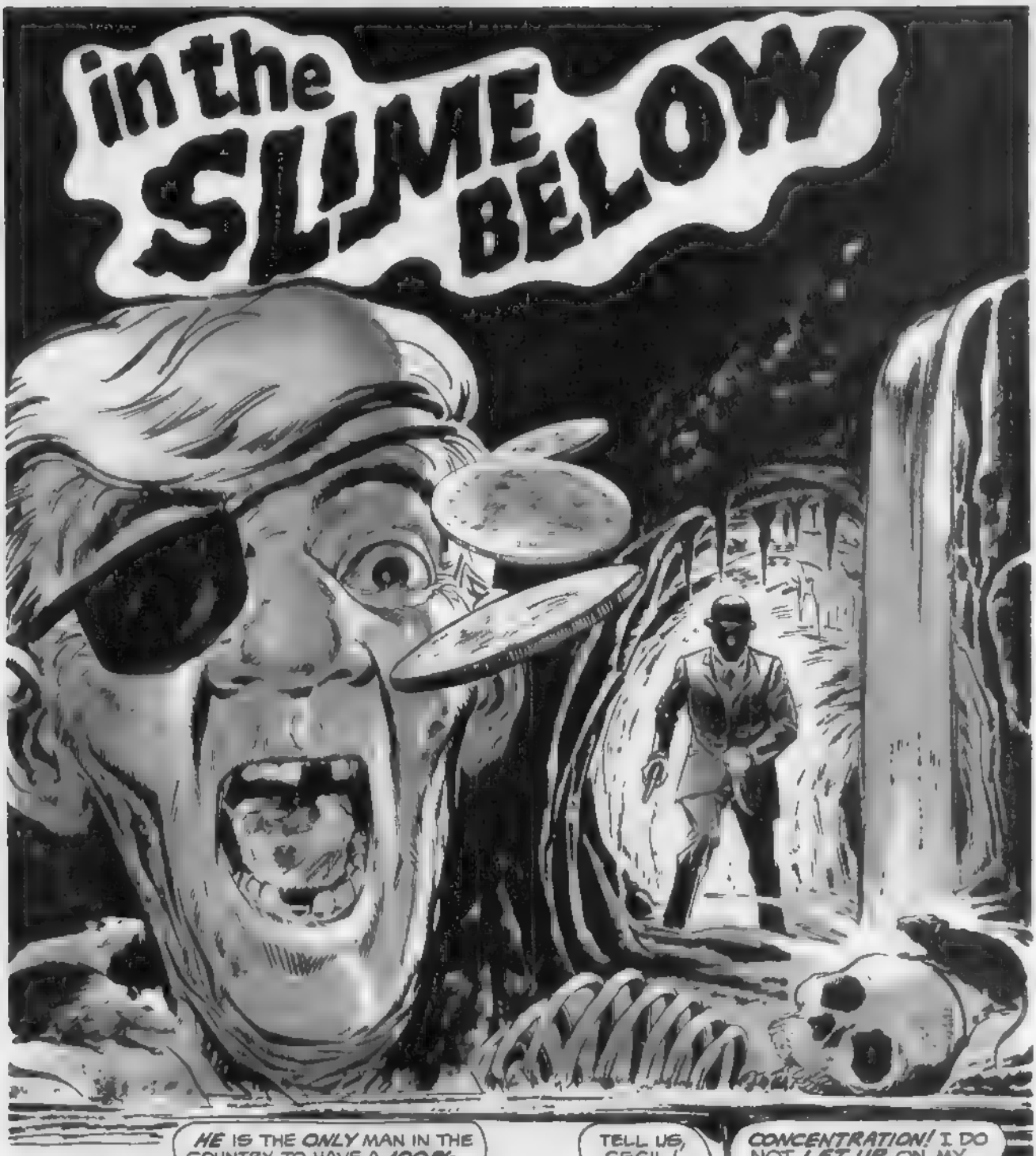
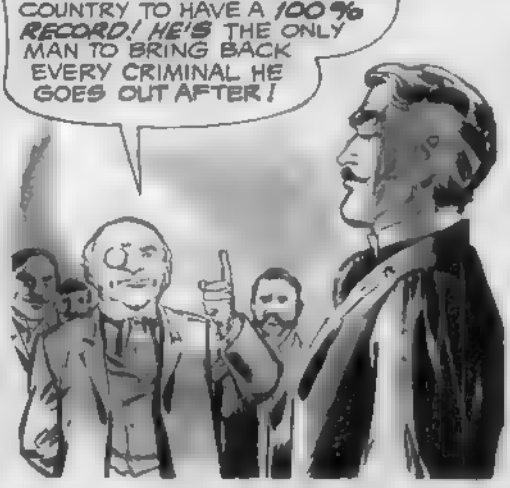


THIS WAS CHIEF INSPECTOR JARETT'S LAST DAY WITH SCOTLAND YARD! HE STOOD THERE-- TALL AND PROUD-- VERY PROUD--



SUDDENLY--IN THE MIDST OF THE CEREMONY...
EXCUSE ME, COMMISSIONER! BUT... BUT THERE'S BEEN A ROBBERY... IN... WHITE CHAPEL! SEXTO, THE JEWELER IS OUTSIDE!
I SAY...
WHAT...?!! WHITE CHAPEL!

THAT'S IN JARET'S TERRITORY!
YES! TO BAD CECIL IS RETIRING!
NOT YET! LET US SEE SEXTO, THE JEWELER!

SO THEY SAW THE WORRIED LITTLE MAN...
THE BELLES DOUBLOON WAS TAKEN! A BLOODY RARE COIN! TERRIBLE... SHOCKING!
POINT OUT THE CULPRIT FROM THESE PICTURES!

WAS HE THE ONE? HE WAS, WASN'T HE? SPEAK!
I--I'M NOT SURE... HE LOOKS FAMILIAR!

LES MISERABLES! OF COURSE! I WILL BRING THIS MAN IN!

THAT NIGHT IN A SHABBY TAVERN SOMEWHERE IN LONDON...
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, LES! I WANT YOU!
(BLIMEY) YA-A-A-AH!

IT--IT'S JARET! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
STOP... IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

GOT TO... GET AWAY! I DIDN'T HAVE A ALIBI... LAST NIGHT!
MISERABLES, I AM INSPECTOR JARET! YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!

JARET'S GOT THE WRONG BLOKE! BUT ... HE'LL NEVER BELIEVE THAT! A SEWER! WHAT A BLOODY BREAK!

THE BLOODY SEWER WON'T HELP YOU, MISERABLES! I'LL TRACK YOU DOWN... EVEN THERE!

STOP! LES MISERABLES ... STOP!
YEOW! THERE... HE IS!

LES MISERABLES SCRAMBLED DOWN INTO THE STENCHING LONDON SEWERS... BUT THIS DID NOT STOP INSPECTOR JARET!
I KNOW THESE SEWERS ... LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND!
GIVE UP, MISERABLES! YOU...CANNOT ... ESCAPE!

I ALWAYS BRING BACK MY MAN, MISERABLES!

THERE... YOU... ARE!
BANG!

HE -- TRIED TO KILL ME! GOT TO...(GASP) ...GET OUT OF HERE...

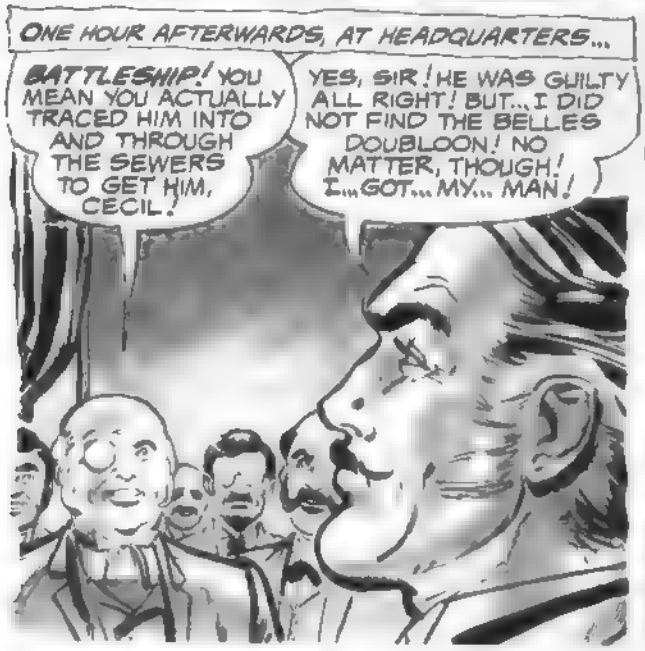
I SEE YOU, LES! THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE!
NO! NO! NO!

NO USE, LES... NO USE... NO USE!
...I'LL DOUBLE-TRACK... HE WON'T FOLLOW ME HERE...

THIS IS MY LAST DAY, LES MISERABLES! MY LAST DAY ON THE FORCE! IT WILL BE MY BEST ONE!

STAY AWAY, JARET! YOU WON'T GET ME! I'D DIE... FIRST!
SPLOTCH

AIIIEIE!
THEN... DIE!


ONE HOUR AFTERWARDS, AT HEADQUARTERS...
BATTLESHIP! YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY TRACED HIM INTO AND THROUGH THE SEWERS TO GET HIM, CECIL!
YES, SIR! HE WAS GUILTY ALL RIGHT! BUT... I DID NOT FIND THE BELLES DOUBLOON! NO MATTER, THOUGH! I... GOT... MY... MAN!

SO THEY GAVE CHIEF-INSPECTOR JARET THE GREATEST FAREWELL EVER SEEN IN THE ANNALS OF POLICE ENFORCEMENT...
GOODBYE, CECIL, THIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS A CROWNING GLORY... TO A BLOODY BRILLIANT CAREER WITH US!

AND WHEN ALL THE CROWDS AND OFFICIALS HAD DEPARTED, A SOLITARY FIGURE WALKED THROUGH THE DESERTED STREETS WHISTLING AND THINKING...
I ALWAYS WANTED LES MISERABLES! I COULD NEVER PIN ANYTHING ON HIM, THOUGH! GOOD THING... I STOLE THE... BELLES DOUBLOON!
I COULD BLAME LES MISERABLES FOR THE THEFT! I... ALWAYS... GET MY MAN! AH, BLOODY GOOD SHOW, WHAT?
NOTE: 2 YEARS LATER JARET WAS ARRESTED WHEN HE TRIED TO SELL THE DOUBLOON TO A DEALER WHO WAS A FORMER POLICEMAN
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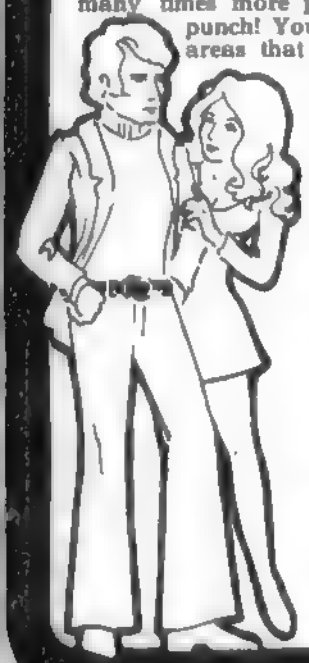

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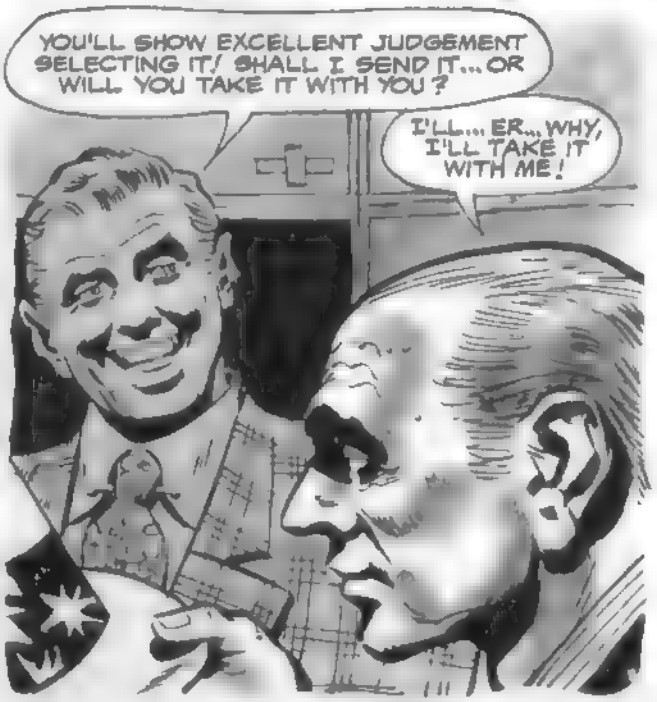
# THE MONSTER



AND WHEN CYRIL GOT HOME TO HIS WIFE...
CYRIL! HOW CAN YOU WEAR A HAT LIKE THAT? DID THE SALESMAN TALK YOU INTO IT...
WHY, ER... HE WAS RATHER PERSUASIVE, DEAR!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A WEAK-WILLED, SPINELESS CREATURE AS YOU! YOU HAVEN'T THE GUMPTION TO SPEAK YOUR MIND! WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, ASK MR. FITCH FOR A RAISE TOMORROW!
I CAN'T, DEAR! HE... HE'S SO TOUCHY THAT...
WELL, SO AM I... AND I WON'T GIVE YOU A MOMENTS PEACE UNTIL YOU ASK!
VERY WELL, DEAR! AND NOW IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME... YOU KNOW... IN THE CELLAR!
CYRIL DABBLED IN CHEMISTRY... AND NOT ONLY IDLY, FOR HE WAS WORKING ON ONE SPECIAL EXPERIMENT...
IF I COULD ONLY FIND IT!... A CHEMICAL COMBINATION THAT WOULD STIMULATE THE ADRENAL GLANDS... INCREASE MAN'S COURAGE!
CYRIL WORKED PARTICULARLY LATE THAT NIGHT, AND...
THIS MAY BE IT! PRECIPITATION... JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR... MUST TRY IT ON THE RABBIT... AT ONCE!
AT THAT MOMENT...
CYRIL! IT'S LATE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I... I THINK I FOUND IT... A LIQUID THAT WILL GIVE ME COURAGE!
HMMMPH! YOU WON'T FIND COURAGE IN A BOTTLE... BUT MAYBE YOU WILL WORK A MIRACLE, AND BECOME A MAN AFTER ALL! I'M GOING UP TO READ A WHILE!

I'LL POUR A LITTLE... JUST A DROP ON THIS LETTUCE LEAF...

CYRIL FED THE LETTUCE LEAF TO THE RABBIT, AND...
THAT EXPRESSION ON ITS FACE... IT... IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A RABBIT ANYMORE... IT'S MORE LIKE SOME... SOME WILD JUNGLE BEAST!

THE RABBIT CONTINUED TO CHANGE...
RRRRRR!

MORE AND MORE...
TRUNK!
CRAK!
SQURRK!
GURRRROOR!

AND THEN...
GURRRRRRRR!

WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO TAMPER WITH NATURE! IT... IT'S GOING TO DEVOUR ME, ALIVE!

SUDDENLY...
THANK GOODNESS! IT...IT'S CHANGING BACK! LUCKY I USED ONLY A DROP OF THE STUFF!

CYRIL, WHAT WAS THAT COMMOTION!
I...I FOUND THE CHEMICAL I WAS LOOKING FOR...IT...IT CHANGED THE RABBIT INTO A MONSTROSITY!

HMMMFFF! YOU PROBABLY FELL ASLEEP AND DREAMED IT! COME NOW IT'S TIME FOR BED! SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO SEE MR. FINCH IN THE MORNING!
I WASN'T DREAMING! OH... WHAT'S THE USE! YES, DEAR!

CYRIL SLEPT VERY LITTLE THAT NIGHT...
I MUST DESTROY THAT BOTTLE TOMORROW... IT...IT'S NOT SAFE TO LET IT LIE AROUND!

NEXT DAY IN MR. FINCH'S, OFFICE...
MR. FINCH, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT A...ER...CERTAIN MATTER...
WHY, APPLETON, I KNOW JUST WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!

I BET YOU HEARD THAT WE'RE IN BAD STRAITS FINANCIALLY, AND YOU'RE VOLUNTEERING FOR A PAY CUT! A LOYAL EMPLOYEE IF THERE WAS ONE!
WHY... ER... YES, MR. FINCH! THAT'S ER... JUST WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

AND, WHEN CYRIL GOT HOME THAT NIGHT...
AND YOU LET HIM TALK YOU INTO A CUT INSTEAD OF A RAISE! OF ALL THE MEN IN THE WORLD, I HAD TO PICK A WEAK-MINDED JELLY FISH LIKE YOU! WHY DON'T YOU DRINK THAT STUFF THAT'LL MAKE A MAN OUT OF YOU!

NO! NO! YOU MUST BE JOKING! I FORGOT... BUT I HAVE TO GET RID OF IT... RIGHT NOW!
PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT AFTER SUPPER, DEAR! JUST SIT DOWN AND RELAX!

MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING IN IT, AFTER ALL! JUST LIKE HIM TO BREW A CONCOCTION THAT WOULD GIVE HIM COURAGE, AND THEN BE AFRAID TO DRINK IT! WELL, WE'LL SEE!

HELEN POURED HALF THE BOTTLE INTO CYRIL'S EGGNOG, AND...
THIS EGGNOG-- I DETECT A STRANGE FLAVOR!
JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, DEAR! DRINK IT DOWN! IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

CYRIL DRANK IT TO THE LAST DROP, AND...
CYRIL! YOUR FACE!

CYRIL... DON'T COME NEAR ME!
RIIP!
RIIIIIIP!
RIIP!

NO! NO! STAY THERE!

AAIIIIIEEEEE!

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AAAGGGHHH
THOSE WOODS... MUST HIDE... TILL IT WEARS OFF!
EEEH! LOOK!
STOP... OR I'LL SHOOT!
CYRIL FOUND A SHELTERED CAVE, AND WHILE ARMED POLICE SOUGHT HIM...
DIDN'T SEE ME! MUST GO HOME... SOON AS I CHANGE BACK!
LATER THAT EVENING...
YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN AND IDENTIFY HER BODY! MR. APPLETON! YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY!
POOR HELEN! SHE... SHE WAS SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING WIFE!
AND THAT NIGHT, ALONE IN THE CELLAR...
I... I'LL NEVER USE IT AGAIN... IT'S IT'S HORRIBLE! SUCH A STRANGE, EXCITING SENSE OF POWER! I NEVER FELT BETTER IN ALL MY LIFE! I WONDER... SHOULD I?
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